GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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PALANA YOJANA
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start `Palana Yojana` for destitute/neglected girl children in the Eleventh Five Year Plan as reported in `Dainik Jagaran` dated February 19,2007;

(b) if so, whether any assessment has been made by the Government in regard to such girl children ;

(c) whether there has been increase in number of such girl children during each of the last three years, State-wise ;

(d) whether the said scheme is likely to be implemented in all rural/urban areas ;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ; and

(f) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be started ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) The Government has proposed an `Integrated Child Protection Scheme`, which has various components, and `Cradle Baby Scheme1 or `Palna` is one of them. The proposed Integrated Child Protection Scheme is under consideration for the 11th Five Year Plan.

(b),(c),(d),(e)&(f) A national decline from 945 to 927 in the number of girls per 1000 boys, aged 0-6, between 1991 and 2001 indicates the seriousness of the problem. The Integrated Child Protection Scheme envisages setting up Cradle Baby Reception Centres in each district. These Cradle Baby Reception Centres will be linked to Cradle Points at Primary Health Care Centres, Hospitals/Nursing Homes, Swadhar Units, Short Stay Homes and in the office of the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) to receive abandoned babies. The Cradle Baby Reception Centre shall function from the premises of State Adoption Agency (SAA) equipped with all basic facilities for infants. The primary objective of these Reception Centres shall be to rescue the girl child and look after her with due care and affection till she is given in adoption. Each State Adoption Agency (SAA) shall install one cradle at the doorstep to receive such babies.